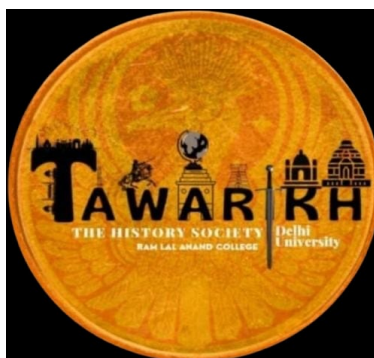




TAWARIKH – THE HISTORY SOCIETY

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

RAM LAL ANAND COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

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In the academic session 2024–2025, Tawarikh : The History Society of Ram Lal Anand College successfully organized a series of academic, cultural, and field-based events aimed at fostering historical awareness, critical thinking, and experiential learning among students. These thoughtfully curated events—ranging from induction ceremonies and monthly lectures to heritage walks, cleanliness drives, movie screenings, academic simulations, and educational

excursions—provided students with meaningful platforms to engage with history beyond the classroom.

The following report presents a brief overview of the major events conducted by the society over the course of the year, highlighting the active participation of students and faculty in shaping a vibrant and academically stimulating departmental environment.

1. Induction Ceremony (30th August 2024)

Tawarikh organized an Induction Ceremony to welcome the freshers of the History Department. The event began with an address by faculty members highlighting the department's legacy and academic goals. They also spoke on curriculum, teaching methods, and the department's interdisciplinary nature. Cultural performances, poetry recitations, and ERP-related guidance were also part of the program. The session ended with refreshments and a vote of thanks leaving students informed, inspired, and connected to the department.



2. Heritage Walk to Firoz Shah Kotla Fort (8th October 2024)

A Heritage Walk was conducted to Firoz Shah Kotla Fort to give students hands-on exposure to medieval architecture and Delhi's urban legacy. Dr. Shachi Meena discussed the Baoli, Jami Masjid, and the Ashokan Pillar, while Dr. Krishan Gopal Tyagi explained the Brahmi inscriptions. With over 100 students and 6 faculty members attending, the walk deepened students' appreciation for historical conservation. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with students calling for more such initiatives.



3.Cleanliness Drive (14th October 2024)

Tawarikh organized a Cleanliness Drive in the college premises to promote hygiene and environmental awareness. Students were equipped with gloves and garbage bags, covering the canteen, parking, and lawn areas. Faculty, including Dr. Parul Lau Gaur, actively participated alongside students. The event fostered a sense of community and responsibility. Reflections from the drive showed that participants became more mindful of their surroundings and the value of public cleanliness.



4.Movie Screening: Bose – The Forgotten Hero (14th February 2025)

A screening of the historical film Bose – The Forgotten Hero was held to highlight Subhas Chandra Bose’s contributions. The event aimed to inspire students about Bose’s legacy of courage and nation-building. The session also included a felicitation ceremony honoring the outgoing office bearers and welcoming the new ones. Students expressed their interest in more such cinematic experiences.



5. Monthly Lecture: Popular Culture of Paris During the 18th Century (19th February 2025)

As part of its Monthly Lecture Series, Tawarikh organized an engaging session on “Popular Culture of Paris During the 18th Century”, delivered by Prof. Arvind Sinha, former professor at Jawaharlal Nehru University. The event was held at the college amphitheater, the lecture explored literature, entertainment, fashion, and the role of public spaces in shaping Parisian society during the Enlightenment. The event saw enthusiastic participation from over 100 students and faculty members, sparking meaningful discussions on the cultural and political undercurrents of the era. Prof. Sinha’s insights offered a dynamic perspective on European history, making it one of the most



intellectually enriching events of the year.

6. Historic Crisis Committee (24th–25th February 2025)

A two-day Historic Crisis Committee (HCC) simulation was held under the guidance of Dr. Parul Lau Gaur. Delegates reenacted debates from the Constituent Assembly, with key personalities like B.R. Ambedkar, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, and Sheikh Abdullah being represented. The topics included partition, federalism, and social justice. A surprise crisis tested delegates' negotiation skills. The winners were awarded cash prizes and certificates. The HCC proved to be a powerful academic simulation that enhanced historical understanding and public speaking skills.



7. Monthly Lecture: Understanding History and Its Practices (26th March 2025)

As part of its Monthly Lecture Series, Tawarikh organized a session on “Understanding History and Its Practices” on 26th March 2025 at the college amphitheater. The lecture was delivered by renowned historian Prof. T.K. Venkatasubramanian, who offered deep insights into historical methodology, critical analysis, and the role of diverse narratives. The session explored themes like memory, marginalized voices, and the contemporary relevance of history. The faculty and students participated enthusiastically, engaging in rich discussions that encouraged reflective thinking on the discipline.



8.Educational Trip to Udaipur, Chittorgarh & Haldighati (March 2025)

Tawarikh organized an educational trip to Udaipur, with stops at the historic sites of Chittorgarh and Haldighati. At Chittorgarh Fort, students explored key monuments such as Vijay Stambh and Rani Padmini's Palace, learning about Rajput courage and legacy. In Udaipur, the group visited the City Palace, Lake Pichola, and Jagdish Temple, experiencing the architectural and cultural richness of Mewar. The final leg of the trip took them to Haldighati, where the Maharana Pratap Museum and Chetak Samadhi brought alive the spirit of

resistance and valor. Guided by faculty members, the trip blended academic learning with immersive cultural exposure.

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